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California to make his permanent residence here. Of primary importance in the investigation of SIEGEL, et.al., is the Circle J Ranch in Newhall. Indications have been received from several sources that this is a hang-out for important Eastern mobsters. Arrangements will be made with persons in the locality to attempt to cover some of the traffic at this spot. It is felt that harboring cases might be made at this point because the allegation has been made that SIEGEL harbored [REDACTED] at this place. b7c

8 BUGSY and VIRGINIA HILL spent a considerable amount of time at the Mission Motel and it is contemplated that investigation will be undertaken to determine what their interests are at this point. It may be that narcotics or prostitution or both are carried on at this place. The main objective of the Los Angeles Field Division at the present time is to develop an informant who will be in a position to give this office coverage of subject's activities such as Agent [REDACTED] is obtaining in Las Vegas. b7c

[REDACTED]  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Transmit the following Teletype message to:

FBI, LOS ANGELES

12-30-46

SAC, CHICAGO

ROUTINE

RE: BENJAMIN BUGS SIEGEL, WA., INFO. CONCERNING. SUTEL IMMEDIATELY  
REGISTRATION CADILLAC BEARING ILLINOIS LICENSE TAGS ONE NAUGHT EIGHT  
THREE NINE.

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Special Agent in Charge

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# Office Memorandum - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, R. B. HOOD

DATE: 12/24/46

FROM : ASAC J. C. ELLSWORTH

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, WAS  
INFORMATION CONCERNING, CRIME  
SURVEY

In talking to Agent [REDACTED] December 18, 1946 it was learned that the Bureau has authorized technicals on the new Wire Service as well as on the four long-distance lines of the old club. b7c

Not much is occurring in the rooms occupied by SIEGEL and HILL. He is putting all his time in on the Flamingo Hotel. SIEGEL and HILL left Las Vegas 3:30 p.m. December 18, 1946, driving their Chrysler and should arrive in Los Angeles about 10:30 p.m. They will stay at the Chateau Marmonte. The purpose of the trip is to contact JIMMIE DURANTE, who wants to take the contract at the Flamingo, but wants to have his Fridays off so he can return to Los Angeles for his radio program. SIEGEL is against this and said he would come to Los Angeles and talk it over with JIMMIE. He will probably return to Las Vegas Saturday, December 21st.

There is nothing more on the jewels. [REDACTED] apparently still has them and he is still in Las Vegas. b7c

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DEC 26 1946
LOS ANGELES, CALIF.
ROUTED TO [REDACTED]

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, R. B. HOOD  
FROM : ASAC, J. C. ELLSWORTH  
SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL  
MISC., CRIME SURVEY,  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE: 12/26/48

In order that the work in this case can be more closely followed and in order that each agent will know exactly what his responsibilities are, the following specific subjects and activities are assigned to the agents as indicated below:

[REDACTED] b7c  
The case is assigned to him. He will maintain general control of the case, including report writing, weekly teletype summaries, coordination of leads, following up with other offices, etc.

[REDACTED]  
GAMBLING ACTIVITIES IN THE LOCAL COLONY  
Try to develop violations of state law [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Federal Firearms Act  
Falsely Claiming Citizenship and

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b7D Jewelry cases  
White Slavery

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
JACK DRAGNA Trans-American Wire Service  
Race track characters who might be violating the state  
laws and who are connected with the SIEGEL ring and

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
BEN SIEGEL

VIRGINIA HILL

Try to develop [REDACTED] as an informant  
Supervise development of narcotic angles.

JCE [REDACTED]  
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cc: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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TO : SAC, R. B. HOOD  
FROM : ASAC J. C. ELLSWORTH  
SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, WAS  
CRIME SURVEY

DATE: 12/31/46

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] said that he constantly hears that the real head of the new wire service is a man named [REDACTED] who is supposed to be DRAGNA's boss. He hears that [REDACTED] is the boss throughout the United States.

[REDACTED]

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Los Angeles, California  
January 2, 1947

MEMO TO NEW YORK

RE: BENJAMIN BUGSY SIEGEL, was  
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of the Los Angeles Office in the above captioned matter, dated December 20, 1946, copies of which were designated for the New York Field Division.

In referenced report a lead was set out for your office to ascertain the background of [REDACTED] b7c

Very truly yours,

R. B. HOOD <sup>L</sup>  
Special Agent in Charge

AIRMAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

[REDACTED]  
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## False Arrest Suit for \$100,000 Filed

Jack Dragna, 52, Hollywood importer, yesterday sued three police officers for \$100,000 false arrest damages.

The suit, filed in Superior Court, states that Dragna was arrested last Dec. 6 at a Hollywood fight stadium by the three officers, B. E. McClure, R. L. Meade and F. E. Drendal, and was booked on suspicion of burglary.

Dragna was not released until the following morning, he adds, when he posted a \$5000 bail bond. He charges that the arrest was malicious and unwarranted and that he was not even questioned by police before his final release three days later after a brief court hearing.

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L A Times

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# Man Declares He Rejected \$20,000 Bid To Kill Ragen

## Alabaman Declares Rac- ing News Magnate's Death Due Jo Poison

CINCINNATI, Nov. 11 (AP)—De-  
tective Chief Clem Merz said to-  
night Chicago police officials would  
come here immediately to question  
a man identified as Ivan Cannon,  
34, Birmingham, Ala., who said,  
Merz reported, that he turned down  
a \$20,000 offer to kill James Ragen,  
Chicago racing news magnate who  
died last summer.

Merz said that the man was  
arrested here driving an automobile  
reported stolen in Alabama and  
would be turned over to federal  
authorities for possible prosecution.

The detective chief quoted the  
Alabaman as saying Ragen's even-  
tual death was due to poison ad-  
ministered by someone who was paid  
\$50,000.

### Gave Statement To FBI

Merz said the man also declared:  
"The FBI agents came to my  
home in Birmingham and I gave  
them this entire statement. What  
they did with it I don't know."

Merz said that the man who  
claimed he had been a dealer in  
Chicago gambling houses for 10  
years recounted:

"Two men approached me in a  
Chicago night club. They laid a  
sawed-off shotgun on a table to-  
gether with \$10,000 in cash for me  
to do the job. Another \$10,000 was  
to be paid after the job was  
completed.

"One man was a Chicago club  
owner and the other a Chicago  
policeman.

"I turned it down.

### Offered Him Auto And Driver

"They even said they had an  
automobile and a driver waiting for  
me. They figured they could trust  
me because I had worked so long  
for them.

"I'm not scared of any man walk-  
ing but I didn't want the job. I  
was with a woman in Chicago and  
didn't want to mess myself up. She  
told me the next day about Ragen  
being shot and I pulled out. x x x

"The price on Ragen's life went  
to \$50,000 when he survived the  
slugs. Despite the body guard  
around him they got by and gave  
him poison. I was told a man  
received \$50,000 for this job."

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Transmit the following Teletype message to:

FBI LOS ANGELES 1-2-46

ST LOUIS ROUTINE

BENJAMIN BUGSY SIEGLE, WA MIS INFO CONCERNING. SUTEL IMMEDIATELY INFO  
YOUR FILES WHICH WOULD HELP THIS OFFICE IN IDENTIFYING [REDACTED] WORKING  
AS MEMBER OF RACE TRACK CREW FOR TRANSAMERICA WIRE SERVICE. b7c

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[REDACTED]  
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Approved: H

Special Agent in Charge

Sent 7<sup>03</sup> A M [REDACTED] b7c

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Los Angeles, California  
January 20, 1947

Serials 552, 553 and 554 of this file are being transferred to file 15-0 per [REDACTED]. They refer to [REDACTED] tis, and are a teletype to Detroit, 12-23-46, a teletype from Detroit, 12-24-46, and a letter from Detroit 12-30-46.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

DATE: January 3, 1947

FROM : [REDACTED] SA

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN BUGSY SIEGEL wa  
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING

On December 30, [REDACTED] called the writer, stating that the informant and a friend of his had been at the Hollywood Knickerbocker on Sunday the 29th, when they saw a large new Cadillac sedan drive up containing two men and two women. The car bore Illinois plates 10839 and the women, upon alighting from the car, said to the men that they would "see them up in the room." The informant stated that the two men in the car were connected with the new wire service and he was most emphatic in saying that these men were engaged in some phase of the management of TA.

A wire from Chicago revealed that the above tags were issued in both 1946 and 1947 to [REDACTED] Neither the [REDACTED] knew who [REDACTED] but it is significant that the plates were issued to a Packard and when seen were on a new Cadillac.

At the time of contact with [REDACTED] he said that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was described as follows:

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[REDACTED] drives a dark green Packard sedan, according to the informant.

The news service out of Santa Anita as being furnished by TA is not good enough to indicate that it is coming out of the track by short wave radio.

[REDACTED] she is described as follows:

Age	26
Weight	160 lbs.
Build	Heavy
Hair	Dark
Appearance	"Ordinary looking"

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Informant also advised [REDACTED] who is a regional manager of some sort for Continental News, has been offered a proposition by TA calling for a

MEMO, SAC

January 3, 1947

RE: ENJAMIN BUGSY SIEGEL wa  
MISC. INFO. CONCERNING

[REDACTED] In- b  
formant does not know whether or not [REDACTED] will accept this deal but reiterated b  
previous statements to the effect that [REDACTED]  
This same informant said that one of DRAGNA's friends in San Diego is a man  
named [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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SAC, CHICAGO

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BENJAMIN BUGSY SIEGEL, WAS. MISCELLANEOUS INFO CONCERNING. SUTEL IMMEDIATELY  
REGISTRATION NINETEEN FORTY SIX CADILLAC, ILLINOIS PLATES ONE SIX NAUGHT  
ONE ONE NAUGHT SIX.

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Special Agent in Charge

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SAC, CLEVELAND URGENT

BENJAMIN BUGSY SIEGEL, WAS. MISC INFO CONCERNING. [REDACTED] VISITING THE

[REDACTED] REPORTEDLY IN L.A. FOR ROSE BOWL GAME. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] OF CLEVELAND IN L.A. EXTREMELY ACTIVE [REDACTED] SUTEL b7c

IDENTIFYING DATA [REDACTED] AND WHETHER THE LATTER INVOLVED IN  
NARCOTICS TRAFFIC. NO DESCRIPTIONS AVAILABLE.

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Special Agent in Charge

Sent 5:27 P M P [REDACTED] b7c 20

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FBI NEW HAVEN

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SAC, LOS ANGELES

U R G E N T

BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, MISCELLANEOUS INFO CONCERNING, CRIME SURVEY.  
RETEL FROM SALT LAKE CITY DECEMBER THIRTY FIRST LAST. RECORDS  
WINCHESTER REPEATING ARMS CO. NEW HAVEN REVEALED THAT A THIRTY CALIBER  
MODEL FIFTY FOUR BOLT ACTION RIFLE WAS MANUFACTURED BY WINCHESTERS IN  
ABOUT NINETEEN THIRTY TWO. A MODEL FIFTY SEVEN THIRTY CALIBER RIFLE  
WITH A LEVER ACTION WAS MANUFACTURED ABOUT THE SAME TIME. THERE ARE  
NO RECORDS AT WINCHESTERS FROM NINETEEN TWENTY EIGHT THROUGH  
NINETEEN THIRTY FIVE REGARDING THE SHIPMENT OF EITHER OF THESE  
RIFLES. WINCHESTERS WAS IN RECEIVERSHIP AT THE TIME. RUC.

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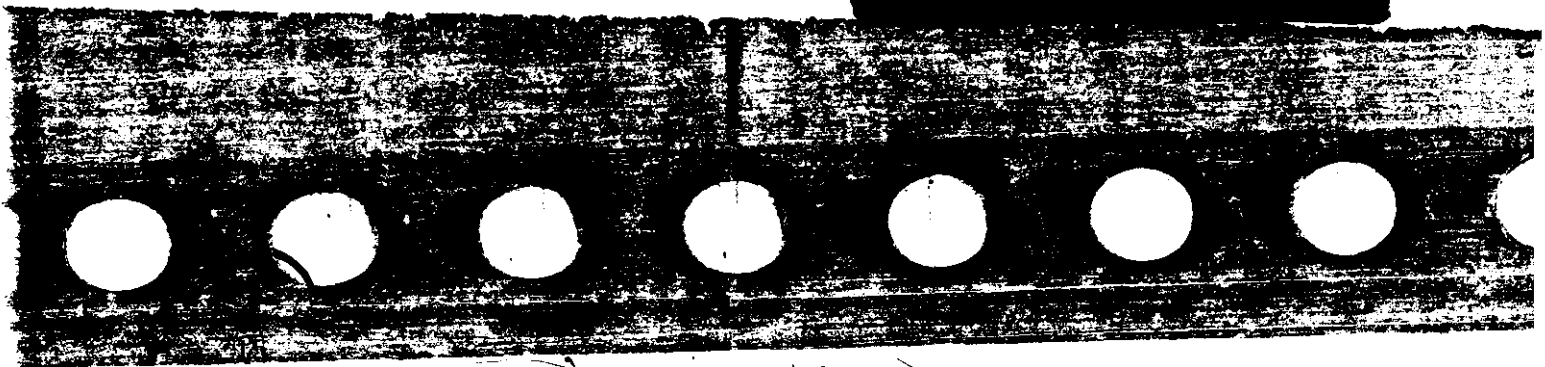
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SAC, LOS ANGELES

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BENJAMIN BUGSY SIEGEL WAS MISC INFO CONCERNING. CRIME SURVEY.  
ILLINOIS FORTY SIX PLATES ONE SIX NAUGHT ONE ONE NAUGHT SIX ISSUED

[REDACTED] OR A FORTY SIX *b7c*

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ACK PLS

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[REDACTED] *b7c*

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SAC ROUTINE

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BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, MISC INFO CONC, CRIME SURVEY. INS, NYC,  
CHECKED FOR ALL SHIPS ARRIVING FROM EUROPEAN PORTS DURING PERIOD  
DEC THIRTEENTH THROUGH NINETEENTH, INCLUSIVE WITHOUT LOCATING RECORD  
OF FOUR PERSONS OF ITALIAN TXX CITIZENSHIP.

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SALT LAKE CITY ADVISED

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, R. S. HOOD

DATE: 12/30/46

FROM : SA [REDACTED] b7c

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, WAS  
CRIME SURVEY

On December 28, 1946 [REDACTED] telephonically advised that on the opening day at Santa Anita Race Track the Trans-American News Service had beaten the Continental News Service in getting the race results off the race track. [REDACTED] did not know how Trans-American's track crew had operated or how they had become so efficient. [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] b7c

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SAC LOS ANGELES U R G E N T

BENJAMIN BUGS SIEGEL, WA, MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING.

RETEL FROM ST. LOUIS JAN. THIRD LAST. INDICES NEGATIVE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WORKING AS A MEMBER OF RACE TRACK CREW. b7c

MC SWAIN

ACK PLS

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[REDACTED]

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Los Angeles, California  
January 20, 1947

Serial 568 of this file is being transferred to file 15-0 per [REDACTED]  
It is a teletype from Detroit dated 1-6-47 re [REDACTED]

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BENJAMIN BUGSY SIEGEL, WAS, MISC INFO CONCERNING. REURTEL JANUARY  
FIVE LAST. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] A NOTORIOUS MEETING

PLACE FOR HOODLUMS AND GANGSTERS. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

NOT KNOWN TO BE

ENGAGED IN NARCOTICS TRAFFIC.

RICHARDSON

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OK FBI LA CJM

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### Daily Diary

Up to Las Vegas for a gay week-end...flew via TWA with Wally Ford, who kept up a running conversation...Brigham Townsend met us at the airport in a station wagon...hurried to the gaily lighted city and stopped at Lucey's (he used to own the local spot of the same name) and ran into Sid Grauman...

Sat around with Sid for a few hours (while he had dinner) and gabbed about old times...Sid was in rare form and told a lot of stories about an old overcoat owned by Charlie Chaplin...

Then over to the El Cortez, where Manager Charles O'Brien coaxed me into being master of ceremonies for the evening's entertainment...rounded up Barbara and Sunny Tufts, along with the wandering Wally Ford, and we put on a show...I think the patrons were slightly more than amazed, since everybody wanted to get into the act...anyway, we had a great deal of fun and judging by the laughs from the customers, everybody in the room did likewise...

A mad race to the Flamingo, the most fabulous gambling casino and hotel ever constructed...honestly, I don't believe there are sufficient adjectives to describe this magnificent spa...it's like a fairyland—a place that might have been dreamed up by Walt Disney...the gardens, the entrance way and the buildings are, to use a corny phrase, "out of this world"—they are lush, plush and fantastic...and, strangely enough, all in excellent taste...

Reports are that almost six million dollars will have been used when the hotel is complete (in March, perhaps) for this place...aside from the sheer beauty of the bar, the dining room and the casino, it features no less than Jimmy Durante as the floor show star and Xavier Cugat's orchestra...an adequate line to explain came from one of America's best-dressed women: "I'm afraid to go to the powder room; I look so shabby..."

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Jimmy STARR  
Herald Express  
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# \$5,000,000 super-colossal saloon opens in Las Vegas

By ALINE MOSBY

LAS VEGAS, Nev., Dec. 31.—The world's most super-colossal saloon, the \$5,000,000 Flamingo Club, is open for business. It ought to be. They've been having official openings every night for a week.

Hollywood style, every "opening night" a different crew of great people fly up from Hollywood for the festivities in the junior size Taj Mahal. Of gambling, liquor and publicity there should be plenty.

The backers of this colossus in the desert are Benjamin (Bugsy) Siegel, who police once thought was the West Coast head of "Murder, Inc."; Harry Rothberg, vice president of the American Distillers Company of Peoria, Ill.; Billy Wilkerson, publisher of a movie trade journal, the Hollywood Reporter, and Joe Ross, a Hollywood lawyer.

Local townfolk were a little worried about Bugsy's past connections. But when all the violin cases packed into the place on opening nights turned out to hold real violins, the solid citizens trooped in to take a squint at the mighty Flamingo. Bugsy runs the casino, and here in Nevada it's legal.

The only other outside gambler who has moved to Nevada is Guy McAfee, who came up here from Los Angeles, left his bodyguard at home, and prospered. Now he has a million dollar gambling hall and is a regular contributor to the Community Chest.

The Flamingo is built to make private contributions to the bar and roulette wheels easy. Hardened movie characters who've been reared on sets like Shangri-La or Baghdad were awed.

It's modernistic-modernistic. The bushes outside light up red and blue and at the right end of the beige-and-brown club sits a green lake full of red flamingoes.

A little farther to the right is the Nevada desert, where the bushes don't light up, there are lakes, and the closest thing to a flamingo is a coyote.

The bar, which is as big as the dinner check, is full of mirrors, green leather walls, a black ceiling and tomato red furniture. In Siegel's casino you help the other customers pass \$100,000 each night across the blackjack, roulette and dice tables.

Just five years ago, Benny the Bug, awaiting trial on charges of rubbing out a New York thug, got the Los Angeles jail physician suspended for serving him steak and pheasant. But that diet is legal at the Flamingo, and you get it for \$6 and up with Xavier

Cugat's band at one end of the dining room and a glass wall covered with green fish at the other.

We sampled Bugsy's steak, along with commuting customers George Jessel, George Raft and his pal, "Killer Gray," who lost \$700 at roulette (we felt worse losing \$4); Charles Coburn, who waited three hours for his dinner, and Vivian Blaine, who lost a purple plume from her pink hat in the crowds of first nighters.

Wilkerson, a sad-eyed gent with a square face and graying mustache, said he figured movie people would swarm by hundreds to his hostelry.

"You know," he sighed, surveying acres of dancers, drinkers and gamblers, "when we started to build this thing I thought it would be too small."

The Civilian Production Administration, a more cautious group, thought it would be too big, when veterans couldn't build homes. They said nix, but Wilkerson & Co. waved a building permit made out before the commercial construction ban under the CPA's nose. Work proceeded on the colossal pub.

The Clark County commissioners okeed the club's gambling license despite the purple past of Siegel, who danced in and out of courts and then became the pal-about-Hollywood of many players.

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LOS ANGELES DAILY NEWS

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# Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: 1/7/47

TO : SAC

FROM : S.A. [REDACTED] b7c

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, with aliases.  
MISC., INFO. CONC.-CRIME SURVEY

On January 4, 1947 the writer contacted [REDACTED] who stated that [REDACTED] has returned to St. Louis and is no longer at Santa Anita. The informant states that he believes that the T.A. is getting the news out of the track by signalling. [REDACTED]

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Office Memorandum - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

DATE: 1/7/47

FROM : S.A. [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, w.as.  
MISC.; INFO. CONC.-CRIME SURVEY, b7c

Re: [REDACTED]

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On January 3, 1947, the writer contacted [REDACTED] b7c  
[REDACTED] b7c

Under the rouse that the writer is seeking the whereabouts of Bureau Bank Robbery Fugitive [REDACTED] was shown photographs of various hoodlum associates [REDACTED] including the following: [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] and BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SIEGEL.

Previous to the showing of the photographs to [REDACTED] was very apprehensive, repeatedly asking the writer what he wanted to know. Upon being shown the photographs [REDACTED] denied knowing [REDACTED] although the writer knows [REDACTED] has been an associate [REDACTED] admitted knowing [REDACTED] and SIEGEL, advising that [REDACTED] appearances were not the same as the photograph. He added that he knew SIEGEL very well [REDACTED] b7c

It was explained to [REDACTED] that the above individuals are known to [REDACTED] because they are possibly in the narcotic racket and [REDACTED] being a known user of opium has come in contact with them. [REDACTED] advised that he had always heard from various sources that SIEGEL was "a knocker of the narcotic racket" and that he had no personal knowledge of SIEGEL ever handling narcotics. He added that SIEGEL was in the liquor racket. b7c

The writer then asked [REDACTED] if it were not logical for SIEGEL to knock the narcotic racket if he, SIEGEL, were in it. [REDACTED] added that it would be very logical for SIEGEL to knock narcotics if he were in the racket, but [REDACTED] claimed again that he had never heard SIEGEL handling narcotics. It was explained to [REDACTED] was known by everyone to be in the narcotic racket and inasmuch as SIEGEL had been his associate certainly SIEGEL had had some connection with narcotics. [REDACTED] answered that he personally had no knowledge that [REDACTED] had ever handled narcotics and did not know that SIEGEL had been associated [REDACTED] in any way. He added that he also knew [REDACTED] very well b7c

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MEMO., SAC:

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RE: [REDACTED]

The writer advised [REDACTED] that the information which he possessed concerning hoodlums and their backgrounds would be of great value to the Bureau if he were willing to furnish such information and [REDACTED] advised that he was always willing to assist Bureau Agents but that there were certain conditions and relationships with members of the underworld which would not allow him to be "a stool pigeon". He stated that he not only knew many individuals in the underworld, but had many other legitimate contacts and associates. [REDACTED] b7c

In this connection [REDACTED] stated that he would be willing to meet with the writer at any time and assist in anyway possible; however, he cautioned the writer that there were certain situations about which he could not furnish information because his position might be jeopardized because certain members of the underworld had entrees which could assist them in knowing that he was furnishing such to the Government. b7c

[REDACTED]  
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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS  
JANUARY 6, 1947

SAC MIAMI

URGENT

*Bugs*  
BENJAMIN BUGSY SIEGEL, W.A.S., MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING,  
CRIME SURVEY, LOS ANGELES. REFER TO CRIME SURVEY, MIAMI FIELD DIVISION,  
MAY, NINETEEN FORTYSIX, PAGES THREE AND FOUR, WHEREIN [REDACTED] OF  
CHICAGO WAS REPORTED TO BE ASSOCIATING WITH [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] IS REPORTED TO BE PRESENTLY ON WEST COAST,  
ASSOCIATING WITH BUGS SIEGEL [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SIEGEL AND HILL ARE SUSPECTED OF NARCOTICS TRAFFIC. *b7c*  
[REDACTED] IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE THAT HILL, SIEGEL, [REDACTED] ARE FENCING  
STOLEN JEWELRY. RECONTACT INFORMANTS DISCREETLY FOR ANY ADDITIONAL  
INFORMATION RE [REDACTED] ACTIVITIES IN MIAMI. ADVISE BOTH LOS ANGELES  
AND CHICAGO.

MC SWAIN

END

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CC: LOS ANGELES (AIR MAIL)

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FBI SAINT LOUIS

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10: [REDACTED]

SAC, CHICAGO

ROUTINE

BENJAMIN BUGSY SIEGLE, WA., MIS INFO CONCERNING. FOLLOWING TELETYPE  
RECEIVED FROM LOS ANGELES TODAY, QUOTE, SUTEL INFO YOUR FILES WHICH  
WOULD HELP THIS OFFICE IN IDENTIFYING [REDACTED] WORKING AS MEMBER  
OF RACE TRACK CREW FOR TRANSAMERICA WIRE SERVICE, UNQUOTE. INDICES  
AND INQUIRIES ST. LOUIS NEGATIVE. ADVISE LOS ANGELES. HANDLE. RUC.

MORRIS

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[REDACTED] b7c

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Real name  
Nicholas Dondos.

LOS ANGELES HERALD & EXPRESS  
DATED 12-31-46

## Walter Winchell

Memos of a Girl Friday

Dear Mr. W.: Elliott Roosevelt, who rated \$750 per lecture, is being offered at \$1700. Douglas Fairbanks' widder (Lady Ashley-Stanley) and Babs Hutton's used-to be (Bob Sweeney) have resumed dates. The V. Sardi, Jr.s, were unbound at Las Vegas. They say Nick the Greek (cleaned out again after dropping \$500,000 in a long losing session), will go to work managing a Nevada gaming spot. Do you believe the buzz that Hizzoner, the Mayor, may not run again? They say he wants to settle on the coast where he has several offers from studios to be an exec. Neville Wallace is the name of the Park Avenue socialite who may wed into the Irving Berlin family. Everyone is wondering about Garbo's new interest. Can't use his name yet.

La Guardia now regrets altering Sixth Avenue to "Avenue of the Americas." In a broadcast he used the name twice and clowning it, adding "takes up too much radio time." The Larry Bests will be four next month. A rumor around mortician circles is that Jim Farley has invested in a chain of undertaking places! The plan is to make it a coast-to-coast business. NBC announcers have a private affair, "The Feedback Club." All members are "vice-presidents." They pay \$5 monthly into a kitty, which goes for posties and doodads (and does away with hat-passing collections) when one marries or passes on. Is the wedding ring Ingrid Hallen wears the tip off that she is secretly Mrs. Robert (critic) Coleman?

Janis Paige of the films has Art Ford the disc-jockey, spinning like a Woody Herman platter. Ask Mrs. Arthur Murray what happened at the editor's office where she bounced in, after a slick monthly mag's sizzler appeared? Oh, Mama Mia!... Holiday gifts sent to Germany must be marked "gifts" as a post office regulation. In German "gift" means "poison"!... Didjez know that Pauline Potter (top designer at Hattie Carnegie's) is from the social register? Yez didden? ...Well, here's another: Baroness Grippenbergh (frau of the Finnish minister to Sweden) has taken a job as hostess at a hotel in the Bahamas. I hear that Mrs. Toscanini is not returning from Italy. The maestro dwells in Riverdale alone.

Poor Henry Lustig ain't so poor as some people think. Real estaters tell you Mr. Lustig turned down a profit of a million on only one of his many properties. The one in the 40th

St. and Park Ave. sector... Hey, put this in the paper for nice Meyer Chenkin who unscrambles your stuff via Western Union. His daughter Gertrude became a bride last week. Philip Dorn says it's appropriate that the new United Nations site is on F. D. Roosevelt drive. "It was FDR's drive that created the U. N."... Major I. M. Moss' new book, "One Damned Island After Another," got good notices. He says all proceeds will go to the Air Forces Relief Society. The Phillips H. Lords are 'sing. A certain colyumist we know may get richer endorsing a line of bras.

Herbert Bayard Swope and Jerry Brady advise that January 14th at Tropical Park (Miami) will include a special race, "The Runyon Memorial Purse." Also at Hialeah later. The jockeys, trainers, et al, I think, also turn over theirs. What's this about you going to Rockingham and tracks all over the nation? Jerry Brady feels sure all will be glad to help, not only once, but make it an annual event. I think that's wonderful. The bunches of

ones, fives and tens are now on deposit at Irving Trust, 48th st. If Damon could only know he was not the Loser, but the Victor.

I assumed you saw that fellow's piece in which he said he never heard of "a genuine newspaperman carrying a gat"... Well, what's his name, who covers Headquarters (and who once sent us all that firemen's slang) totes the biggest .45 I ever saw. He's been with the same paper for decades. When Kay and I get some time we'll dig up the files for the others (including editors) who carry them on the hip or in their desks, which you often paragraphed about under "Newspaperman Stuff."

Lehman's being offered the post on the World Bank vacated by Eugene Meyer. Mae West is doing a series of recordings titled: "Bedtime Stories." Thass-all! I hope those many complainers (furriers) about the several fur items (prices diving) are convinced by now. They screamed we were positively wrong, etc. Dopes. Col. Matt Winn was at the Stork recently. He's 84, very gay and chipper. Said he's had 72 Derbies at Churchill Downs

and makes a million bucks each... Amazing story making mag rounds of a profile-w who went berserk during the was hospitalized, and finally ported to Hollywood where sanity isn't noticeable... Crossley and a Hooper New - Your Girl Friday.

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## Three Arrested in Signaling of Racing Results

Illustrated on Page 3, Part I

Three men were arrested and booked on suspicion of criminal conspiracy yesterday by members of Dist. Atty. Simpson's gangster squad in an investigation that uncovered what was believed to be a scheme to signal race results from the Santa Anita grandstand to a garage a mile distant.

Two of the men were picked up in the garage, where one was using a pair of binoculars. The third suspect was seized in the grandstand while signaling, unaware that his asserted associates had been taken into custody.

### Could Detect Signals

Investigators Charles Hoy and Ellis Bowers reported they were able to detect the signaler from the garage and note his description with the aid of the special binoculars, a foot and a half long, that were in the place.

The men gave the names of Felix Luczak, 32, of Cicero, Ill., who was stationed on the lower level of the garage; Jack Moran, 28, of 2627 Monmouth Ave., who was found at the binoculars, and Stanley Sienkiewicz, of Pawtucket, R.I., who was stated to be in the top of the grandstand.

They were taken to the office of Dep. Dist. Atty. Joseph Carr for questioning.

### Could Beat Wires

Information transmitted by the means uncovered could be used to beat booking agents, the investigators said, pointing out that unscrupulous persons armed with the signaled data could place bets on horses that had already won.

The garage in which Luczak and Moran were found was on the premises of Mrs. Ida Haynes of 452 Huntington Drive, Arcadia.

Mrs. Haynes said that she had rented the quarters two weeks ago at \$50 a week to men who professed to be working for a news service handling race results.

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## Santa Anita race signal plot nipped

Scheme to relay Santa Anita race results from the grandstand to a garage a mile away was broken up today, following the arrest of three men by district attorney's investigators.

Booked on suspicion of criminal conspiracy and later released on bail of \$1500 each were:

\*Felix Luczak, 32, Cicero, Ill.; Jack Moran, 28, 2627 Monmouth Ave.; and \*Stanley Sienkiewicz, Pawtucket, R. I.

Pinkerton detectives from the race track and district attorney investigators found Luczak and Moran operating high power binoculars from a garage at 452 Huntington Dr., Arcadia.

Through the binoculars, trained on a spot in the grandstand near the finish line, officers said, they saw Sienkiewicz.

Sienkiewicz, it was said, signaled the finish of each race to the two men at the garage by either tipping his hat, rubbing his nose, stretching his ear, etc.

Each gesture, the raiding officers said, specified a number of a horse which was part of a prearranged code used by the trio.

Telephones found in the garage, arresting officers said, were used by the men to relay their information to a downtown nerve center.

The suspects denied that they were part of a post betting syndicate, explaining that they were merely employees of a scratch sheet publication which sought the race results for its clients.

\*Mrs. Ida Haynes, who owns the property where the garage is located, told officers she had rented the quarters to the men two weeks ago for \$50 a week.

## TWO BOOKIE SUSPECTS ARRESTED IN RAIDS

At least two Los Angeles followers of the ponies won't get the payoff for winning bets they'll make today—their bets form part of the vice squad's evidence against bookie suspects.

\*Shirley C. Dunkley, 45, was arrested on suspicion of bookmaking at his home, 1813 Orchard St., where detectives said he was receiving bets over the telephone.

While making the arrest, a detective answered the phone, took at bet on Ike's Glory and Darby D-Day to win and show in the sixth race at Santa Anita.

The second horse won, paying \$5.60 to the dollar for place bets.

The second arrest occurred at 3127 Berkeley Circle where detectives rang the bell, peeped in the window and reportedly saw Mrs. Arthelia Reeve, 46, stuff some papers under her sweater.

Mrs. Reeve was arrested on suspicion of bookmaking when Policewoman G. W. Cagle, searched her and found betting forms.

The markers indicated a \$200 bet to win and place on the winner of the sixth race at Tropical Park which paid \$3 and \$2.30.

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# Office Memorandum - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: 1/8/47

FROM: SAC

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL  
MISCELLANEOUS, INFORMATION CONCERNING,  
CRIME SURVEY

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On January 7, 1947 [redacted] reported that [redacted] and the District Attorney had raided two places in Arcadia and had interrupted bookmaking activities. b7c b7D

I talked to [redacted] by phone at the track and he said that last Saturday, January 4th, his men had located FELIX JOHN LUCZAK in the grandstand signaling, apparently across the track toward Huntington Drive. He was brought to the Security Office and said that he lives at 5108 West 30th, Cicero, Illinois and that he is temporarily at the Monrovia Motel Lodge on Huntington Drive, Arcadia. He admitted that he was using his program to cover the lower portion of his face, his left hand on his right ear lobe, his right hand to scratch his head as signals to some one outside the track. He also admitted that he works for some wire service, but would not say which one. He was floated off the track. He is described as follows: b7c

Age	32
Born	8/12/14
Height	6'
Weight	165
Eyes	Green
Hair	Brown

On Tuesday, January 7, 1947, [redacted] men located STANLEY A. SIENKIEWICZ of 787 Roosevelt Avenue, Pawtucket, Rhode Island, in the stands also signaling with his hands by placing them on various portions of his head. He was taken into custody following the 3rd Race. He refused to say anything except that he is an unemployed bar keeper. He is: b7c

Age	28
Born	10/2/18
Height	5' 6"
Weight	170
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Brown

[redacted] said that he had a tip that a house on Huntington Drive housed a lay-off bookie. He asked [redacted] to cooperate with him and [redacted] in turn told the District Attorney, who sent CHARLIE HOY and two assistants out to the track on the 7th. These men took into custody SIENKIEWICZ and in addition raided the house at 452 b7c b7D

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JAN 8 1947

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

MEMO, SAC:

1/8/47

RE: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL

Huntington Drive. [REDACTED]

There they arrested JACK MORAN, 2627 Monmouth Avenue, Los Angeles, and FELIZ LUCZAK, who gave his address as 715 East Huntington Drive, Monrovia, California. Next door, at 464, they took into custody [REDACTED] who was making book. They confiscated a telescope which was trained on the grandstands of the race track. The District Attorney did not know what law is being violated and wondered what to hold these men on and [REDACTED] suggested that they were conspiring to violate the bookmaking laws. HOY thereupon booked these four individuals on this charge; however, [REDACTED] doubts that the charge will stick. b:

JCE [REDACTED] b7c

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

DATE: 1/8/47

FROM : ASAC

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL  
MISCELLANEOUS, INFORMATION CONCERNING  
CRIME SURVEY

[REDACTED] on January 7, 1947 telephoned that [REDACTED]  
of our office on January 7th had asked for the listing on CRestview 5-3528,  
[REDACTED]

JCE [REDACTED]  
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TO : SAC

DATE: 1/9/47

FROM : ASAC

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL  
MISC., INFO CONCERNING,  
CRIME SURVEY

[REDACTED] called on January 6, 1947 to state that the Los Angeles County District Attorney has requested his cooperation in developing information on a lay-off joint at Arcadia which is run by [REDACTED]. He understands that these men are cooperating with other bookmakers throughout the country. b7c b7D

JCE: [REDACTED]  
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DATE: JAN. 9, 1947

FROM : SAC HOOD

SUBJECT: BEN SIEGEL, ET AL

While talking with [REDACTED] of the Examiner on 1/8/47, he advised that SIEGEL was having trouble in Las Vegas because the local business men are banding together against him and are refusing to have anything to do with him or his associates and he might possibly have some license trouble as a result. b7c

He also advised that [REDACTED] is now the body guard of [REDACTED] and has been sitting around the Roosevelt Hotel in Hollywood. [REDACTED] allegedly tried to bet the Mayor that he could clean up the two recent racketeer murders and he indicated that he had considerable information, among it being that SIEGEL, under an assumed name, flew out of Los Angeles immediately following one of these murders. b7c

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RBH [REDACTED] b7c

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*cc: [REDACTED]*

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# Scored scoops with 'scopes, police charge

Another ploy to get the winners at Santa Anita to customers before they are officially announced was broken up yesterday with the arrest of a man equipped with telescopes mounted on a truck.

Arrested as he peered through two giant six-foot telescopes mounted in a canvas-covered truck parked one mile away from the track, was a man described as Eddie Koplansky, 55, of Chicago, alias Eddie Smalley.

The pinch was made by district attorney's investigators Jess Klein and Chick Ebbets, who said they caught Koplansky peering through the telescopes and talking into an inter-communication box mounted nearby.

They followed the wires, they said, to a garage and found there Daniel Sheehan, 23, Koplansky's son-in-law, who was talking into a telephone, 101 SANTA CRUZ BL.

Occupants of the house told police they rented the garage to Koplansky a few days before the Santa Anita meeting began.

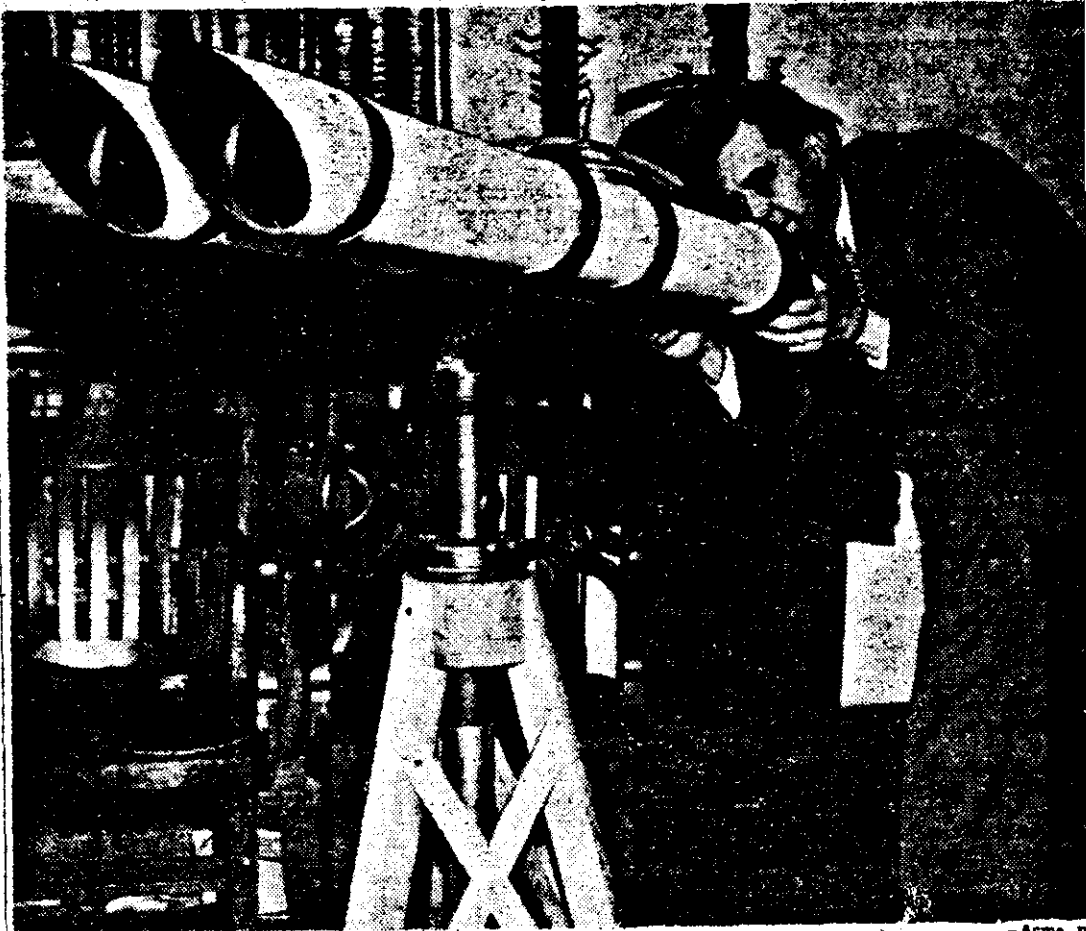
On the floor of the garage, the investigators said they found a ripped \$100 check from a press service.

While all this was going on, track security officers were unsuccessfully trying to run down a man in the track stands who they said was Koplansky's confederate.

Koplansky, who paid a \$250 fine here two years ago when he was arrested on the same charge using the same telescope, was booked on conspiracy to commit a felony.

Earlier this week investigators arrested three men involved in a similar scheme. One of the men, giving the signals, was arrested in the stands, and two in a garage a mile away.

Waller's report said that increases in the cost of living reduce the purchasing power the minimum wage to 27 cents an hour or "in terms of the year equivalent to the shockingly figure of \$540."



ALL SET UP TO SPOT A TELESCOPE FINISH AT SANTA ANITA  
Investigator Walter Lentz shows 'scopes used to watch signals from track

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Transmit the following Teletype message to:

FBI LOS ANGELES

1-12-47

SAC DALLAS

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BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SIEGEL, MISC. INFO CONCERNING, CRIME SURVEY.

CHECK INDICES RE [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] HOOD

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BENJAMIN BUGSEY SIEGEL, MISC, INFORMATION CONCERNING, CRIME SURVEY.  
REURTEL JANUARY TWELVE INSTANT. DALLAS INDICES REFLECT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] FURNISHED NONSPECIFIC INFORMATION  
DECEMBER NINE, NINETEEN FORTY ON AN INTERNAL SECURITY MATTER.  
ON MARCH THIRTYONE, NINETEEN FORTY FOUR [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] FURNISHED INFORMATION  
TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NO DEROGATORY  
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SAC, Phoenix

January 10, 1947

SAC, Los Angeles

BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, with aliases  
MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING - CRIME SURVEY

In connection with the above investigation, it will be appreciated if the Phoenix Office will furnish police photographs, descriptions and short identifying material on the following [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED]

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Also, it will be appreciated if [REDACTED] b7c  
[REDACTED] will be handled in the above manner.

In connection with the arrest of JACK DRAGNA, head of local MAFIA, he had in his notebook the name [REDACTED] b7c

Please furnish background information on this individual.

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SAC, Detroit

January 10, 1947

SAC, Los Angeles

BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, with aliases  
MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING - CRIME SURVEY

It will be appreciated if the Detroit Office will furnish a photograph  
on [REDACTED] also descriptive information and short background of  
his activities. Allegedly, this character is involved in liquor running into  
the State of California. b7D

[REDACTED]  
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TO : SAC

FROM : S.A. [REDACTED] b7c

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, with aliases  
MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING - CRIME SURVEY

DATE: January 10, 1947

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On January 2, 1947 the writer contacted [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] started on a small scale originally  
and the place continued growing until they took over the [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] has no part of the ownership at present and in  
the past has realized an excellent income but "has gambled it all away." The  
informant is of the opinion that [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] and his backers control the entire enterprise. When questioned as to  
whether or not mob money was in [REDACTED] shrugged and stated  
that it was pretty hard to find a successful night club which was not hooked up  
in some way with the New York mobs. b7c

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**DEATH 'SALESMAN?'** Robert Savirino (right), Mocambo Club robbery suspect, told police here yesterday he had been offered \$2500 to kill Michael (Mickey) Cohen, gambler. With Savirino is Henry Hassau, also held in connection with the robbery. —Los Angeles Examiner photo.

## Phony Hero Reveals 'Bookie' Death Offer

Robert Savirino, "phony war hero" and Mocambo Club robbery suspect, told police yesterday he was offered \$2500 by an unnamed person to kill Michael (Mickey) Cohen.

Cohen, a gambler, race bookie and police character, was held for the killing of Maxie Shaman in May, 1945, but released on the ground he shot Shaman in self-defense.

A year later Cohen was questioned after the Beverly Hills killing of gambler Paul J. (Polly) Gibbons.

Police said Savirino described himself as a friend of Benny (The Meatball) Gamson, central figure in the Gibbons killing investigation—Gamson was shot to death here last October.

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club holdup January 6 Savirino produced a purported Army separation record which he later admitted was "phony."

It described him as a Congressional Medal of Honor winner and the "most decorated enlisted man in the European Theater of Operations."

Detective-Lieutenants A. C. Stromwall and J. E. Littlejohn said Savirino admitted a share in the Mocambo robbery, which netted bandits \$2736 and \$4917 in jewelry.

He told of the offer to kill Cohen while being questioned about other robberies, Stromwall said, and quoted Savirino as saying that "a dozen guys" had received similar offers.

#### **CHECKING STORY—**

Detectives are checking Savirino's story.

When arrested with three others in connection with the night

#### **FORCED WAY IN—**

According to police, Savirino said he received the offer about three weeks ago. A few days later, according to the story, two armed men forced their way into the apartment he shared with Henry F. Hassau, also held in connection with the robbery.

Stromwall quoted Savirino as saying that the men "pistol-whipped" Hassau and left with the warning that "this is just the beginning if you don't behave yourselves."

Savirino and Hassau are held on suspicion of robbery along with Elijah R. Soza, and Abel Soza. The last three deny connection with the robbery.

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BANJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING, CRIME  
SURVEY. [REDACTED] TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED FOURTEENTH INSTANT BY  
SIEGEL, WHO ADVISED [REDACTED] WOULD COULD RETURN TO LOS ANGELES  
SIXTEENTH INSTANT AFTER [REDACTED] ARRIVES LAS VEGAS NIGHT OF [REDACTED] b7c  
FIFTEENTH INSTANT TO ASSUME SUPERVISION OF FLAMINGO HOTEL. [REDACTED]  
DEPARTURE PLANS NOT YET DEFINITELY KNOWN. SIEGEL HAS RESERVATIONS AT  
COLONIAL HOUSE, PALM SPRINGS, BUT IS ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN BUNGALOW AT OXX  
SOME OTHER UNDISCLOSED PLACE IN PALM SPRINGS FOR TEN-DAY PERIOD.

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TO : SAC

DATE: January 15, 1947

FROM : S.A. [REDACTED] *bx*

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, w.as.  
MISC., INFO. CONC.-CRIME SURVEY

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On January 4, 1947, Special Agent [REDACTED] and the writer interviewed [REDACTED]. The informant stated that VIRGINIA HILL is in possession of a gun, type not known, which the informant has managed to examine and has been successful in securing the serial numbers. These will be made available to the reporting agents in the next several days. *b b b*

Informant reiterated previous information that VIRGINIA HILL had had an affair with a "G-Man" in Mexico who allegedly told HILL surprising stories about great deposits of gas and oil which the Mexicans were making available to the Germans and the informant said that "he couldn't have been much of a G-Man if all the information had been made available to HILL which the latter says she knows."

In discussing SIEGEL and HILL at random, the informant stated that [REDACTED] is working at the Flamingo in some phase of the gambling and and the informant wondered whether or not this was against the law since [REDACTED] is not yet 21. [REDACTED] is to see BEN SIEGEL concerning some liquor which [REDACTED] can furnish on a percentage basis. *b*

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

When VIRGINIA HILL was staying at the pent house on Wilshire Boulevard [REDACTED] HILL didn't want the informant to become involved in any of the former's difficulties [REDACTED] *b7c*

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HILL used to go with an individual, named [REDACTED] and about one and one-half years ago when HILL was going to Mexico [REDACTED] b7

Informant will attempt to get in touch with HILL while the latter is in Los Angeles and see what information is obtainable concerning her planned trip to Mexico. The informant recalled that when HILL was living at the pent house SIEGEL had two men in his company most of the time who were allegedly in business with him, but the informant did not know whether or not they were bodyguards nor did they particularly look like mobsters, but informant considered it significant that these men were in attendance on SIEGEL practically all of the time.

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DATE: 1/15/47

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, W.A.S.  
MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING -  
CRIME SURVEY

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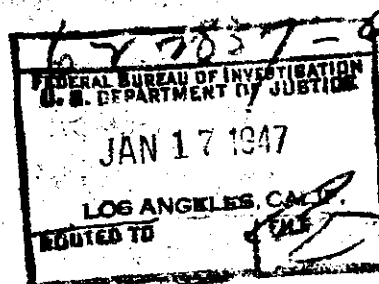
On January 3, 1947, [redacted] called at the office and was interviewed by the writer.

DRAGNA filed his recent suit for false arrest against the police department because he intends to become a citizen and will try again in this regard and is "on the offense" according to [REDACTED]. The police officers who were named in the suit have heard nothing except what they read in the papers, and no summons has been served on anyone.

In discussing [REDACTED] said that he is of the opinion that [REDACTED] is involved in the narcotics racket and that the recent hold ups of gambling joints have been planned and perpetrated at [REDACTED] orders. [REDACTED] considered it significant that none of [REDACTED] joints were ever held up.

The Phoenix and Detroit offices are being written to get background and photographs.

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TO : SAC

DATE: January 15, 1947

FROM : S.A. [REDACTED] b2

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, with aliases  
MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING - CRIME SURVEY

On December 30, 1946, [REDACTED] b2 b7

On January 5, 1947, Special Agent [REDACTED] and the writer conducted a surveillance and it was noted at the Texaco Station at Santa Monica and Wilshire that a 1946 black Cadillac Fleetwood Sedan was parked in the parking area and bore Illinois plates 1601-106. A teletype was dispatched to the Chicago office to verify the registration on this car. (This was confirmed by wire from Chicago. b7c

Also, Special Agent [REDACTED] will conduct inquiries at the Texas Company to determine whether or not [REDACTED] is employed at the Texas Station. A surveillance was conducted at 4328 South Willaman Drive, Los Angeles, where [REDACTED] resides. This address is right off of Burton Way and is a four-unit apartment house, [REDACTED] occupying the upper left apartment as you face the building. Appearing in the mail boxes in the lobby were the names [REDACTED] b7

In the course of this same surveillance near the residence of [REDACTED] the reporting agents observed the subject leaving his apartment, driving his new Cadillac Convertible Sedanette. This car does not yet bear plates, is blue-gray in color with a light top and red wheels. Subject turned east on Sunset and drove slowly toward the Los Angeles area. Apparently he was not in a hurry to get anywhere and the agents surveilled him for approximately twenty minutes dropping the tail and [REDACTED] kept proceeding east into the Hollywood area. b7

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Run by [REDACTED]  
NOT to be contacted, at present

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SACS MIAMI AND NEW YORK CITY                      U R G E N T

BENJAMIN QUOTE BUGS UNQUOTE SIEGEL, WAS. MISC. INFO. CONC. CRIME SURVEY  
ASCERTAIN ACTIVITIES AND CONTACTS OF [REDACTED] <sup>alias</sup> WHO IS IN  
MIAMI BEACH, TEL. FIVE DASH SIX EIGHT EIGHT ONE, ROOM FIVE NAUGHT TWO. b7c

[REDACTED] TAKES ORDERS [REDACTED] AND HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED [REDACTED] TO  
CONTINUE STAYING IN MIAMI UNTIL DEAL IS READY IN THREE OR FOUR WEEKS.

[REDACTED] SHORT OF READY MONEY AND EXPECTS TO GET FUNDS LOCALLY. N.Y.C.

SUTEL MIAMI AS TO [REDACTED] BACKGROUND RE LEAD IN L.A. REPORT DEC.

TWENTY, LAST. REPORT FOLLOWS.

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DIRECTOR, SACS CHICAGO AND LOS ANGELES .....CROUTINE...

CAPGA. [REDACTED] STATED JACK DRAGNA AND [REDACTED] HAVING  
DIFFICULTIES IN LOS ANGELES OBTAINING COMPLETE NEWS SERVICE FROM SANTA  
ANITA. DRAGNA STATED LOS ANGELES POLICE RAIDED HOUSE NEAR SANTA ANITA  
WHERE TRANS AMERICAN SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES OBTAINED NEWS BY TELESCOPE  
ON SANTA ANITA RACES. FIVE TA EMPLOYEES ARRESTED AND POWERFUL TELE-  
SCOPE CONFISCATED. TELESCOPE IMPOUNDED BY POLICE AS EVIDENCE AWAITING  
TRIAL OF FIVE EMPLOYEES SCHEDULED FOR TWENTYNINTH INSTANT. DRAGNA AND  
[REDACTED] STATED POLICE WOULD NOT ARREST ANY MORE TA EMPLOYEES IN LOS  
ANGELES BECAUSE ARRANGEMENTS MADE WITH LOS ANGELES PD TO NOT MOLEST  
TA IN FUTURE. DRAGNA STATED LOS ANGELES PD ALSO RAIDED THEIR "PLACE"  
ON PICO BOULEVARD, LOS ANGELES, AND TORE UP ALL SCRATCH SHEETS.  
[REDACTED] FORMER CP REPRESENTATIVE AT RENO,  
NEVADA AND PHOENIX, ARIZONA WAS IN RENO NINTH INSTANT. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] CONTACTED RENO CP OUTLETS ATTEMPTING TO PERSUADE USERS  
OF CP SERVICE TO SWITCH OVER TO TA. ALL USERS REFUSED, STATING THEY  
WERE SATISFIED WITH CP SERVICE. [REDACTED] APPEARED BEFORE  
RENO CITY COUNCIL IN AN ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN LICENSE FOR TA. COUNCIL

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REFUSED TO GRAND LICENSE. [REDACTED] ARGUED MATTER BEFORE  
COUNCIL AND WERE TOLD TO RESORT TO COURTS. [REDACTED] PRESENCE IN RENO  
ATTRIBUTED TO "MISSIONARY WORK" FOR TA.

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BENJAMIN BUGSY SIEGEL, WAS, MISCELLANEOUS, INFORMATION CONCERNING.

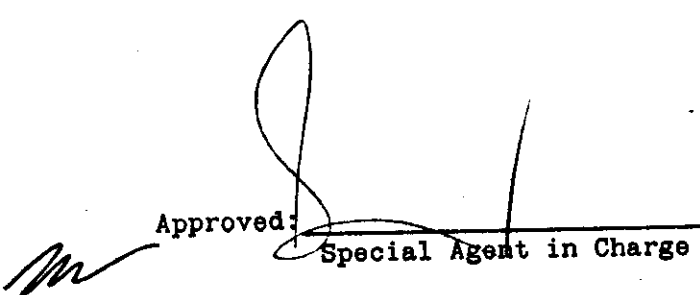
[REDACTED] FROM CLEVELAND JUST ARRIVED LOS ANGELES ATTEMPTING TO  
CONTACT [REDACTED] SUTEL BACKGROUND AND IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

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Per [redacted]

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BENJAMIN QUOTE BUGSY UNQUOTE SIEGEL, W.A.S. MISC., INFO. CONC.-CRIME  
SURVEY. SUTEL REGISTRATION FORTY TWO PONTIAC, BEARING FORTYSIX OHIO  
TAG JR FIVE FIVE FOUR. SUTEL ANY INFO YOUR FILES RE REGISTERED OWNER.

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SAC, New York City

January 21, 1947

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BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SIEGEL, with aliases  
MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING -  
CRIME SURVEY

[REDACTED]

The New York City Field Division has reported that the Hollywood Theatre Ticket Agency is frequented by hoodlums. It is requested that the activities and identity of [REDACTED] be furnished this office in connection with its investigation of SIEGEL.

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BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SIEGEL, with aliases  
MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING - CRIME SURVEY

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Los Angeles 13, California  
January 21, 1947

SAC, St. Louis

Re: BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SIEGEL, with aliases  
MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING -  
CRIME SURVEY


Dear Sir:

On January 18, 1947, a highly confidential source revealed that an individual, [redacted] called [redacted] local mobster and hoodlum, from Central 6183, St. Louis, Missouri. [redacted] is offering sugar stamps for sale at \$11.00 per 100 lbs. [redacted] is to let [redacted] know whether or not anyone here is interested. b7c

This information is being called to the attention of the St. Louis office for whatever action it deems appropriate. It may be that [redacted] is a character who fits into your Crime Survey and the above information may be of value along those lines. b7c

In any event, it is requested that the St. Louis office furnish what information is available concerning [redacted] inasmuch as he appears to be an associate [redacted] who is of primary importance to this office. b7c

Very truly yours,

  
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DATE: 1/22/47

FROM: ASAC

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, WAS  
MISCELLANEOUS, INFORMATION CONCERNING,  
CRIME SURVEY

[REDACTED] advised on January 20, 1947 that the [REDACTED] (which  
we have been getting information on the technical surveillance) has as a  
full name [REDACTED]

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BENJAMIN QUOTE BUGSY UNQUOTE SIEGEL, WAS., MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION  
CONCERNING CRIME SURVEY. REURTEL TWENTY FIRST INSTANT. OHIO  
REGISTRATION NO. JR FIVE FIVE FOUR, YEAR FORTY SIX, ISSUED FOR  
FORTY FORD COACH, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NO RECORD CLEVELAND INDICES. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] INFORMANT OF CLEVELAND OFFICE  
STATES [REDACTED] RESENTLY IN LOS ANGELES, AND IS THE OWNER OF TWO  
FORTY SIX PONTIACS. RUC.

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SAC, Los Angeles

BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIGGEL, WAK  
MISCELLANEOUS, INFORMATION CONCERNING  
CRIME SURVEY

Re: [REDACTED] b7c

As of interest to you, it has been learned from [REDACTED] b7c

It was learned here that [REDACTED] worked at [REDACTED] b7c  
[REDACTED] and that he had troubles with the Federal Government for bringing  
liquor onto the reservation.

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BENJAMIN BUGSY SIEGEL, MISC., INFO. CONCERNING. REURTEL JANUARY  
TWENTY SECOND INSTANT. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HAS BEEN CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH THE MAYFIELD  
ROAD GANG, OF WHICH [REDACTED] REPORTED  
LEADERS. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SEE CAPGA REPORTS FROM THIS  
OFFICE. [REDACTED] IS  
A WELL KNOWN CLEVELAND HOODLUM WHO AT ONE TIME WAS EMPLOYED BY  
[REDACTED] AS A MUSCLEMAN AND SLUGGER DURING THE  
NEWSPAPER WAR AT CLEVELAND AND LATER DURING THE TAXICAB WAR, FOLLOWING  
WHICH [REDACTED] WAS SUCCESSFUL IN TAKING OVER THE TAXICAB BUSINESS IN  
CLEVELAND. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

IS ALSO KNOWN HOODLUM, TO WHOM FORTY ONE CHRYSLER SEDAN, MOTOR NO.  
C TWENTY EIGHT DASH ONE NAUGHT FIVE SIX ONE NAUGHT, IS LISTED UNDER  
FORTY SIX OHIO LICENSE NO. JY SEVEN THREE NINE. THIS CAR IS FREQUENTLY  
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DRIVEN [REDACTED] WHO IS DESCRIBED AS THIRTY FIVE YEARS OLD, *b7c*  
SIX FEET, ABOUT TWO THIRTY LBS., STOCKY BUILD, LIGHT CHESTNUT EYES,  
DARK CHESTNUT HAIR, DARK COMPLEXION AND BAD TEETH.

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SAC, SALT LAKE CITY U R G E N T

BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, WAS, MISC., INFO CONCERNING, CRIME SURVEY.

UNDERSTAND LOGS LAS VEGAS SURVEILLANCES WERE MADE IN DUPLICATE.

PLEASE FORWARD ONE SET THIS OFFICE.

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[REDACTED] WAS

UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION (murder)  
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT

In connection with the trial of subject [REDACTED] in the Los Angeles County Court, Special Agent [REDACTED] was subpoenaed and arrived at the Los Angeles Field Division on January 6, 1947. He was accompanied by two detectives from the Main Office Squad of the New York Police Department, [REDACTED] both of whom were likewise subpoenaed to testify in this case. Before the arrival in the Los Angeles Field Division of [REDACTED] it was brought to the attention of this office, through confidential informants, that certain of the hoodlum element had been advised of the pending arrival of these two detectives. Agent [REDACTED] because of the fact that he had traveled from New York City to Los Angeles with the aforementioned men, took up residence with them in adjoining rooms at the Biltmore Hotel, Los Angeles. It was noted that immediately upon their arrival several telephone calls were made to [REDACTED] whose identity is well known to the Bureau, [REDACTED] and GEORGE RAFT. This office advised Agent [REDACTED] immediately of the situation so that he might govern his social actions accordingly in order not to embarrass either himself or the Bureau. Thereafter it was noted that [REDACTED] were the guests of [REDACTED] at various night clubs throughout the Beverly Hills Area, including the Savoy Restaurant, Bud Otto's, etc. It is noted that each of the above-noted restaurants is frequented by the bookmakers, gamblers and other hoodlum elements.

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For the information of the Bureau, on Thursday, January 9, 1947 a conference was held in the District Attorney's Office at which Agent [REDACTED] naturally was present. At the dinner hour it was suggested by the District Attorney, [REDACTED] that each of the witnesses who were present should accompany him to dinner. A party comprised of approximately 8 people, including [REDACTED] started out to dinner. [REDACTED] suggested to the District Attorney that they allow him to take them to "a nice place to eat". [REDACTED] agreed to this and all the members of the group were taken by [REDACTED] to the Savoy Restaurant, which is located on the Sunset Strip in the Beverly Hills Area. Upon arriving there it was noted by the Agent that [REDACTED] the District Attorney, was reluctant to meet either of the owners, [REDACTED] advised the Agent that he had prosecuted [REDACTED] a few years before and that he was rather embarrassed by the situation. The indices of this office reflect that [REDACTED] is a well-known gambler and an associate of GEORGE RAFT. [REDACTED] The agent was introduced to these two men as [REDACTED] but it is not known whether or not [REDACTED] advised them

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Director, FBI

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Re: [REDACTED] WAS

of the Agent's affiliation with the F.B.I. At dinner that night [REDACTED] was approached by [REDACTED] who is known to be closely associated with GEORGE RAFT and the agent was introduced to him, also as [REDACTED] well-known gambler, also visited [REDACTED] at the table but was not introduced to the agent. b7c

On Monday, January 13th, Agent [REDACTED] testified at the trial of [REDACTED]. When his testimony was concluded, during the recess he was approached by a man who identified himself as [REDACTED] advised the Agent that he had been impressed with his testimony and made general conversation concerning New York City. He advised the Agent that he knew both [REDACTED] from New York and also stated that he knew the Director and Mr. CLYDE TOLSON, having accompanied them to the opening of the Del Mar Race Track in San Diego County. [REDACTED] it was later learned, is an associate of [REDACTED] and GEORGE RAFT, who is engaged in bookmaking activities in and around Los Angeles. b7c

It is to be noted that the dinner at the Savoy Restaurant was the only time Agent [REDACTED] accompanied these two detectives socially. It was noted that the name of [REDACTED] was mentioned several times by these detectives and it was learned that as soon as the trial of [REDACTED] ended that [REDACTED] intended to go to San Francisco for several days, possibly as [REDACTED] guests. b7c

On several occasions Detectives [REDACTED] advised Agent [REDACTED] that they would like to have Agent accompany them to dinner and to various night clubs, but that because of the type of people that they associated with they thought it might embarrass the Agent and the Bureau if he were to be seen in the company of these various underworld characters. b7c

On Friday Night, January 17th, the jury found [REDACTED] guilty of murder in the first degree, but recommended that he get life imprisonment instead of the gas chamber. Upon return to the Hotel Room, [REDACTED] expressed their disappointment at the verdict to Agent [REDACTED] and advised him that they considered their trip to California a failure. Upon being questioned as to why they felt this way, [REDACTED] told the Agent that not only had they failed to send [REDACTED] to the gas chamber but that they had failed to arrest a character for whom they had been looking in Los Angeles. [REDACTED] explained that the person they sought was one [REDACTED] against whom an indictment has been returned in New York City charging him with grand theft. [REDACTED] explained that [REDACTED] was a well known con man, who had been known to associate with many of the hoodlums and underworld characters that [REDACTED] had been contacting b7c

Director, FBI

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Re: [REDACTED] WAS

[REDACTED] here. [REDACTED] advised that he was sure that if [REDACTED] had been in the Los Angeles Area that the various hoodlums he was contacting, many of whom he explained he had previously arrested in New York City, would have furnished him information as to [REDACTED] whereabouts. On Sunday Night, January 19th, [REDACTED] were the guests of GEORGE RAFT at dinner and when they returned brought RAFT to the hotel room. Agent [REDACTED] was introduced to RAFT and for a period of several hours general conversation was had concerning New York City and various mutually known New York City Police Officers as well as various big cases in the New York Area. As Raft was about to leave the hotel room [REDACTED] exhibited to him a picture of [REDACTED] which RAFT readily identified. A private conversation was had between [REDACTED] and RAFT, the result of which was not known, although it is believed that [REDACTED] may have received information as to [REDACTED] whereabouts from RAFT. b2

For the information of the Bureau, RAFT advised the two detectives and agent that [REDACTED] was formerly a masseur for prize fighters in New York City, who had contacted RAFT when he came out to the coast in the early 1930's. RAFT advised that he had hired [REDACTED] as a masseur and that when RAFT became successful in pictures that he had kept [REDACTED] with him on a full time basis. RAFT also advised that he considered [REDACTED] extremely harmless and told the following story as to how [REDACTED] had gotten his nicknames. One night at a party in Hollywood which was attended by various film celebrities, CAROLE LOMBARD was asking why he was so quiet. [REDACTED] replied that he had a hernia which was killing him. Miss LOMBARD thereupon commented that the Jewish word for hernia was killeh (phonetic) and started calling [REDACTED] RAFT advised that the publicity men at the studio for which he was then working played up this nickname and the fact that [REDACTED] was his bodyguard to the point where people who did not know the real story took it seriously. b7c

[REDACTED] also explained to the agent that word had been sent out by him to one [REDACTED] an investigator for the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, to the effect that [REDACTED] was badly wanted by the New York Police Department and requesting [REDACTED] to attempt to ascertain [REDACTED] whereabouts. [REDACTED] advised that he was attempting to find out what had happened inasmuch as [REDACTED] had advised [REDACTED] that investigation had been unsuccessful and yet [REDACTED] himself had learned from other sources there was a possibility that [REDACTED] was in the Los Angeles Area when [REDACTED] had been advised that he was wanted and had fled immediately thereafter. It should be noted that both [REDACTED] are of the opinion that [REDACTED] is the contact man for the District Attorney's Office of Los Angeles County, acting as a liaison agent between the underworld and the District Attorney. In this b2

Director, FBI

1/25/47

Re: [REDACTED] WAS

regard it should be noted that on the night that agent and a party accompanied [REDACTED] to the Savoy Restaurant one of the members of the party was a girl known to the agent only as [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] For the information of the Bureau is presently the District Attorney for the County of Los Angeles, having replaced [REDACTED] who is now Attorney General for the State of California. [REDACTED] It was ascertained, was formerly [REDACTED] Secretary and it was noted by the agent that she seemed well acquainted with all of the various underworld characters that were met upon that occasion. b7c

For the information of the San Francisco Office, [REDACTED] left for San Francisco on the 4 o'clock plane on January 20, 1947. [REDACTED] who had been attached to the United Nations Conference for a period of seven months contacted one [REDACTED] (phonetic), who it is believed is an inspector on the San Francisco Police Department and whom [REDACTED] met when he was attached to the United Nations Conference. It is believed that [REDACTED] is an acquaintance of [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] b7c  
88-624

cc: San Francisco  
New York  
L.A. File 62-2837 ✓



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Transmit the following Teletype message to:

FBI LOS ANGELES 1/24/47

SAC MIAMI

BENJ. BUGSY SIEGEL, WAS, MISC., INFO CONCERNING. INDIVIDUAL NAMED [REDACTED] IN CONTACT [REDACTED] JAN. TWENTYTHREE FROM MIAMI BEACH. STATED RESIDING SIX TWO NINE LENNOX AVE., MIAMI BEACH, CARE OF [REDACTED] TELEPHONE FIVE SEVEN FIVE FIVE ONE. MIAMI ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY [REDACTED] SUTEL BACK-  
GROUND INFORMATION. [REDACTED] ALLEGEDLY HAS BEEN ORDERED DEPORTED. [REDACTED] OFFERED TO DO ANYTHING POSSIBLE IN CONNECTION WITH QUOTE [REDACTED] UNQUOTE, BUT [REDACTED] DECLINED THE OFFER, STATING HE DIDN'T WANT TO GET INVOLVED. FOR INFORMATION MIAMI OFFICE, [REDACTED] HEAD OF CONTINENTAL NEWS, -LA, AND ALLEGATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE THAT HE WOULD BE KILLED BY THE SYNDICATE IN THE CURRENT WAR OF THE NEWS SERVICES. b7c

HOOD

[REDACTED]  
62-2837 b7c

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DATE 11-26-85 BY SP-7 mac/da

Approved: [Signature]

Special Agent in Charge

Sent 5:13 am

Per [REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: January 27, 1947

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DATE 11-26-85 BY SP-7MAC/BAB

On December 10, 1946 [redacted] advised that he had recently ascertained that [redacted] who is opening the Copacabana Night Club on the Sunset Strip and according to this informant represents the MAFFIA syndicate interest in Chicago, is presently living in Malibu. [redacted]

recently met [redacted] who is a close associate of [redacted] BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SIEGEL, and other hoodlums in Schwab's Drug Store on Sunset Boulevard.

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SAC

January 27, 1947

Re: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

This informant highly suspicions the activities within the Beverly Wilshire Hotel and advised that he will personally be observant in an attempt to ascertain the activities of hoodlums frequenting this hotel. This informant has positive information that the owners of this hotel are tolerating the book making activities which are being carried on at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel.

[REDACTED]  
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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

DATE: January 27, 1947

FROM : SA, [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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On December 16, 1946 [REDACTED] advised Special Agent [REDACTED] and the writer that MAURICE WALTER of 5320 West Olympic Boulevard, who was recently shot to death in San Mateo, California, was "the original bankroll man of the AL CAPONE syndicate in Chicago".

Aside from this, the informant advised that he had been making every attempt in Hollywood to ascertain the activities of the syndicate moving into the Wire Service and had learned [REDACTED]

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SAC

January 27, 1947

Re: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

In connection with the relationship between [REDACTED] this informant advised that [REDACTED] does not belong to the Chicago syndicate representing the CAPONE and MAFFIA interest, but [REDACTED] merely represents in Los Angeles what is deemed in the underworld "the fix", [REDACTED]

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In connection with the gangland killing of MAURICE MALTER in San Mateo, California, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

This informant explained that it might be significant that [REDACTED] is now faced with a possible life term sentence in the California State Prison due to his recent arrest for possession of narcotics in Los Angeles, and [REDACTED] may now be "evening his score" with MAURICE MALTER to testify against him.

[REDACTED]  
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DATE: 1/29/67

FROM : S.A.

**SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, with aliases  
MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING -  
CRIME SURVEY**

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On January 23, 1947 the writer contacted [redacted] in connection with another matter and [redacted] stated that he had been contacted by [redacted] just before his departure for Cuba and that [redacted] asked that [redacted] do a picture on the Flamingo. [redacted] stated that he told [redacted] that he would cooperate [redacted] in helping him get the place started up there and that [redacted] should call him when he returned from Cuba. [redacted] went on to say that on January 23, 1947 [redacted] had called and that [redacted] was to call him back and set up a definite appointment.

He said that he is very much worried about this whole affair after seeing January 3, 1947 Newsweek, the various articles in the press such as [redacted] column and the item that ran in the Post and after talking [redacted] says that the whole thing is a mess and that he doesn't want any part of it.

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Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, w.as.

[REDACTED] b7c b7d

' He said on his recent trip to Cuba he stopped in Miami and had breakfast with WALTER WINCHELL and they discussed the Flamingo and WINCHELL said that Mr. HOOVER told him that the place was going broke. [REDACTED] has picked up the same information from other people that the place is not doing well and that they may close the Casino until the Hotel opens in March or April. [REDACTED] that LUCKY LUCIANNO is in Cuba and while this is supposed to be a secret he supposed that the fact is becoming pretty well known.

[REDACTED] b7c

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : FILE

DATE: Jan. 30, 1947

FROM : SAC, R. B. HOOD

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SEIGEL  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
CRIME SURVEY, LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

On January 29th, [REDACTED] called from the Bureau and stated that we were to immediately discontinue our investigation on this case inasmuch as to date no violation of Federal Law within the Bureau's jurisdiction has been indicated. bx

RBH [REDACTED]  
bx

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DATE 11-26-85 BY SP-7 mac/As

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
JAN 30 1947  
LOS ANGELES FIELD OFFICE  
[REDACTED]

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Los Angeles

DATE: January 29, 1947

FROM : SAC, Detroit

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, with aliases  
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING  
CRIME SURVEY - LOS ANGELES  
(62-2837)

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DATE 11-26-85 BY SP-7/MAL/BJS

Reference is made to your letter dated January 10, 1947, concerning the identity of [REDACTED] b7c

For your information this person is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is well known to this office and was a key figure in the CAPGA case in the Detroit Field Division. His activities are closely followed in the crime survey, Detroit Field Division. Information contained therein reflects that all his life he has been a hoodlum and during Prohibition ran liquor across the Detroit River from Canada. At the present time he is connected with other Italian hoodlums here in Detroit in various illegal enterprises.

[REDACTED] This office has received information from informants to the effect that [REDACTED] was running liquor from Chicago through St. Louis to the west coast. The St. Louis Field Division has previously been advised of this information.

There is enclosed herewith a photograph [REDACTED] taken in 1946 together with a fingerprint card.

In the event there is any information to substantiate the allegation that [REDACTED] is running liquor into California, it is requested that the Detroit Field Division be so advised and also that they should be advised of any information connecting [REDACTED] with SIEGEL.

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New York, New York  
January 28, 1947.

MIAMI (ROUTINE)

BENJAMIN HUGGS SIEGEL, WAS. MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING, CRIME  
SURVEY. RETEL FROM LOS ANGELES JANUARY SEVENTEENTH, LAST REQUESTING  
MIAMI BE ADVISED OF BACKGROUND OF [REDACTED] THIS INDIVIDUAL'S  
TRUE NAME BELIEVED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WHO WAS ACTIVE AS POULTRY RACKETEER  
IN THE LEPIKE GANG IN NY IN THE THIRTIES. [REDACTED] WAS STRONG ARM  
MAN FOR THIS GROUP ALONG WITH [REDACTED]  
REPORTED TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH CHECK CASHING AGENCY KNOWN AS SIXTH AVENUE  
TRAINING COMPANY, SIXTH AVENUE, NYC. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] PHOTOGRAPH AVAILABLE IF DESIRED.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Los Angeles

FROM : SAC, Salt Lake City

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, was.  
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION  
CONCERNING; CRIME SURVEY

DATE: January 31, 1947

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In response to your teletype of January 24, 1947, I am enclosing herewith duplicate copies of the Surveillance Logs maintained at Las Vegas, Nevada in connection with the above case.

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Encl. rec'd per section D

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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SAC, PHOENIX R O U T I N E

BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, WAS., MISC., INFO. CONC., CRIME SURVEY

HEMYTEL JAN. TEN, LAST, BUREAU INSTRUCTS THIS CASE BE CLOSED, BUT L.A.

OFFICE DESIRES INFO REQUESTED IN REFERENCED LETTER FOR ITS CRIME SURVEY.

CAPTION YOUR REPORT CRIME SURVEY, LAFO.

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Approved: 

Special Agent in Charge

Sent  

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Transmit the following Teletype message to:

FBI, LOS ANGELES 2-3-47

SAC, ST. LOUIS R O U T I N E

BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, WAS., MISC., INFO. CONC. CRIME SURVEY

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L.A. OFFICE DESIRES INFO REQUESTED IN REFERENCED LETTER [REDACTED] FOR ITS  
CRIME SURVEY. CAPTION YOUR REPORT CRIME SURVEY, L.A.P.D. b7c

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[REDACTED]  
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DATE 11-26-85 BY SP-7 MLC/RB

Approved: [Signature]  
Special Agent in Charge

Sent 5:28 PM

Per [REDACTED] b7c

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ROUTINE

*(with other msgs where possible tonight.)*

BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, WAS, MISC., INFO. CONC., CRIME SURVEY

BUREAU INSTRUCTS TO CLOSE CASE. DISCONTINUE INVESTIGATION.

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Approved: 

Special Agent in Charge

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SAC, Los Angeles

BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, WAS  
MISCELLANEOUS, INFORMATION CONCERNING,  
CRIME SURVEY

Reference is made to Los Angeles teletype dated February 4, 1947 instructing the various field divisions to discontinue investigation in connection with the above-captioned case. It is requested that the Chicago, Salt Lake City and San Francisco Field Divisions furnish closing reports in the above-captioned case inasmuch as the information developed in these offices is pertinent to the investigation conducted by the Los Angeles Field Division.

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DATE 11-26-85 BY SP-7 MAC/RS

cc: Chicago  
San Francisco

62-2837-465



## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Los Angeles

DATE: February 4, 1947

SAC, Indianapolis

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL  
MISCELLANEOUS —  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
CRIME SURVEY

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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DATE 11-26-85 BY SP-7 mac/22

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated December 20, 1946, at Los Angeles, California, in which a lead was set forth for the Indianapolis Field Division at Lafayette, Indiana, to identify [REDACTED] b7c

Previous correspondence to the Los Angeles Field Division reflects [REDACTED] b7c

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SAC, Los Angeles

PERSONAL ATTENTION

February 6, 1947

Director, FBI

[REDACTED] was. *b7c*  
UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION (MURDER)  
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT

Reference is made to your memorandum dated January 23, 1947 in the captioned matter which set forth information regarding the association between Detectives [REDACTED] of the New York Police Department with various hoodlums in the City of Los Angeles. You also mentioned the conversation between Special Agent [REDACTED] of the New York Division and an individual who identified himself as [REDACTED] on January 13, 1947, at which time [REDACTED] claimed that he was personally acquainted with the Director and Mr. Tolson. *b7c*

For your information, the Director and Mr. Tolson have never met [REDACTED] *b7c*

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DATE 11-26-95 BY SP-7 mac/BA

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Los Angeles

DATE: 2-12-47

FROM : SAC, Phoenix

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGGS" SIEGEL, with aliases  
CRIME SURVEY, LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISIONALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 11-26-85 BY SP-7mac/85

Reference is made to your letter dated January 10, 1947, file  
number 62-2837.

The information requested by your office is as follows:

[REDACTED] b7D

The descriptions of the above named individuals appear on the back of  
their photographs which are attached.

It is to be noted that the majority of the above have been in some way  
affiliated with [REDACTED] b7C

[REDACTED] b7D

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LOS ANGELES FIELD OFFICE

SAC, Los Angeles  
BENJAMIN "BUGGS" SIEGEL, was

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February 12, 1947

[REDACTED]

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In addition to the above named individuals there are attached hereto additional photographs of men who are or have been associated with [REDACTED] There are as follows:

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

With reference to [REDACTED] a confidential informant in the CAPGA case, stated that [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

**TO :** SAC

FROM : SA

DATE: February 21, 1947

**SUBJECT:** BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SIEGEL  
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING

Reference is made to information obtained [REDACTED] to the effect that BUGSY SIEGEL had contacted [REDACTED]

On December 19, 1946 [REDACTED]  
was interviewed relative to the above allegation.

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